



Using Novels

Students can read *Now in November* by Josephine Winslow Johnson. Published in 1934, this novel is about a rural farm family's struggle during the Great Depression. The novel won the Pulitzer Prize in 1935. Johnson grew up on a farm in Kirkwood, Missouri and she understood the situation of farmers in the Great Depression. Students can individually or in groups cite examples of imagery in the novel that reflect the same themes depicted in FSA photographs. These could be images related to the characters in the novel, the role of women, the economics of farming, mortgages and foreclosures, tenant farming, or the description of nature and the land. *Now in November* is an especially good novel for students in Indiana, as the novel captures what rural life was like for many farmers in the Midwest during the Great Depression.